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Takeshi HIKAWA et al.

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For: DRIVE UNIT FOR COMPRESSOR
AND REFRIGERATOR

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF
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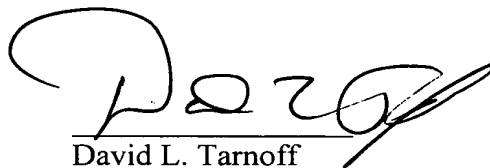
-- DRIVE UNIT FOR COMPRESSOR AND REFGIGERATOR --.

A Preliminary Amendment was filed with the application correcting the Title.

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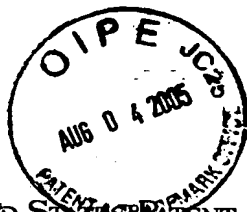
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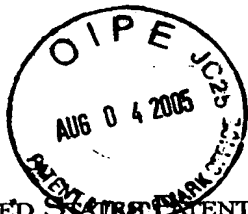
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In re Application of :
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Serial No.: New – (National Phase of :
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For: DRIVE UNIT FOR COMPRESSOR AND :
REFRIGERATOR (AS AMENDED) :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper. Claims 1-58 are pending, with claims 1 and 6 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

Serial No.: New – PCT/ JP2003/009415 Nat'l Phase
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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title of this application with the following rewritten version:

DRIVE UNIT FOR ~~DRIVER OF~~ COMPRESSOR AND REFRIGERATOR

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

-- This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-216025, filed in Japan on July 25, 2002, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-367841, filed in Japan on December 19, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. --

Please replace the heading at page 2, line 26, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

Please replace the heading at page 24, line 3, with the following rewritten version:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS ~~BEST~~
~~MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~**

Please replace the heading at page 50, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: ~~CLAIMS~~

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 58, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

An instantaneous current and instantaneous voltage of a three-phase coil (~~10~~) of a brushless DC motor (~~6~~) are detected, and the internal condition of a compressor (~~1~~) is predicted from these detection values. The prediction about the internal condition of the compressor (~~1~~) is made in such a way that motor driving torque which is a parameter of a motor model is identified and poor lubrication, liquid compression or the like is predicted from this identified motor driving torque. This enables it to make, in real time, a failure forecast, failure diagnosis etc. on the compressor (~~1~~).

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A drive unit for a compressor having a motor (6), the drive unit comprising:

a detecting component configured and arranged to detect at least one of means (16, 17) for detecting the a current of said motor and/or a voltage of said motor (6); and

a prediction component configured and arranged to predict means (28) for predicting an internal condition based on detection values obtained by said detecting means (16, 17) component.

2. (Currently Amended) The drive unit ~~for a compressor~~ according to claim 1, wherein

the prediction component means (28) has an identification component means (20) for identifying a parameter of a motor model from the detection values obtained by the detecting component means (16, 17), and a derivation component means (21) for deriving the internal condition based on the parameter identified by said identification component means (20).

3. (Currently Amended) The drive unit ~~for a compressor~~ according to claim 1, wherein

the internal condition predicted by the prediction component means (28) is shaft abnormalities or poor lubrication.

4. (Currently Amended) The drive unit ~~for a compressor~~ according to claim 1, wherein

the internal condition predicted by the prediction component means (28) is motor temperature.

5. (Currently Amended) The drive unit ~~for a compressor~~ according to claim 1, wherein the motor (6) is a brushless DC motor.

6. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising: having a refrigerant circuit provided with a compressor (1) including a motor; (6), ~~the refrigerator comprising:~~
a detecting component configured and arranged to detect at least one of means (16, 17) for detecting the a current of said motor and/or a voltage of said motor (6); and
a prediction component configured and arranged to predict means (28) for predicting an internal condition of the compressor (1) based on detection values obtained by said detecting ~~means (16, 17) component~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein said prediction component means (28) has an identification component means (20) for identifying a parameter of a motor model from the detection values obtained by the detecting component means (16, 17), and a derivation component means (21) for deriving the internal condition of the compressor (1) based on the parameter identified by the identification component means (20).

8. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein said motor (6) is a brushless DC motor.

9. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 7, wherein the parameter identified by said identification component means (20) is motor driving torque.

10. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein the internal condition predicted by said prediction component means (28) is the high refrigerant pressure or low refrigerant pressure of the refrigerant circuit.

11. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, wherein said refrigerant circuit is provided with a refrigerant detecting means ~~(22, 23)~~ for detecting a refrigerant state, and

~~wherein~~ said derivation component means ~~(21) derives~~ being configured to derive the high refrigerant pressure or low refrigerant pressure of the refrigerant circuit based on the motor driving torque identified by the identification component means ~~(20)~~ and the refrigerant state detected by the refrigerant detecting component means ~~(22, 23)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, wherein said refrigerant circuit is provided with ~~the~~ a refrigerant detecting component means ~~(22, 23)~~ for detecting a refrigerant state, and

~~wherein~~ the derivation means ~~(21)~~ is formed such that the relationship between motor driving torque corresponding to the at least one of a refrigerant temperature and/or a refrigerant pressure of the refrigerant circuit and the degree of suction superheat of the compressor ~~(1)~~ is set beforehand and such that the degree of suction superheat of the compressor ~~(1)~~ is derived based on the motor driving torque identified by the identification means ~~(20)~~ and the refrigerant state detected by the refrigerant detecting component means ~~(22, 23)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein the internal condition predicted by the prediction component means ~~(28)~~ is occurrence of an impact load within the compressor ~~(1)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 13, wherein the detection value obtained by the detecting component means ~~(16)~~ is the current of the motor ~~(6)~~, and

~~wherein~~ the prediction component means ~~(28)~~ predicts occurrence of an impact load from the higher harmonic component of the detection current obtained by the detecting component means ~~(16)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 14, wherein the prediction component means (28) predicts occurrence of an impact load from the amount of distortion in the sine wave of the higher harmonic component of the detection current.

16. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 14, wherein the prediction component means (28) predicts occurrence of an impact load when the higher harmonic component of the detection current is greater than a preset reference value.

17. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 16, wherein the reference value for the prediction component means (28) is set in accordance with at least one of the refrigerant temperature and/or refrigerant pressure of the refrigerant circuit.

18. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein the internal condition predicted by the prediction component means (28) is poor lubrication or liquid compression in the compressor (4).

19. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 18, wherein the detection value obtained by the detecting component means (16) is the current of the motor (6), and

~~wherein~~ the prediction component means (28) predicts the poor lubrication or liquid compression of the compressor (4), based on the increasing rate of the detection current obtained by the detecting component means (16).

20. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 19, wherein the refrigerant circuit is equipped with a refrigerant detecting component means (22, 23) for detecting a refrigerant state, and

~~wherein~~ the prediction component means (28) is formed such that a stationary current for the motor (6) in its steady state is set based on the detection current detected by the

detecting component means (16) and based on the refrigerant state detected by the refrigerant detecting component means (22, 23) and such that the poor lubrication or liquid compression of the compressor (1) is predicted by making a comparison between said stationary current and the detection current detected by the detecting component means (16).

21. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, wherein the prediction component means (28) predicts poor lubrication or liquid compression in the compressor (1) based on an increase in motor driving torque which exceeds a specified value.

22. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 21, wherein the refrigerant circuit is equipped with a refrigerant detecting component means (22, 23) for detecting a refrigerant state, and

wherein the prediction component means (28) is formed such that a stationary torque for the motor (6) in its steady state is set based on the motor driving torque identified by the identification component means (20) and based on the refrigerant state detected by the refrigerant detecting component means (22, 23) and such that the poor lubrication or liquid compression of the compressor (1) is predicted by making a comparison between said stationary torque and the motor driving torque identified by the identification component means (20).

23. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, wherein the prediction component means (28) outputs information on the internal condition of the compressor (1) which has been predicted.

24. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, further comprising:

a protection means (29) for configured and arranged to protecting the compressor (1) based on information on the internal condition of the compressor (1) predicted by the prediction component means (28).

25. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 24, wherein the protection component means (29) controls an inverter controlling component means (26) for driving the compressor (1) to perform a protective operation of the compressor (1).

26. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 25, wherein the protection component means (29) controls the inverter controlling component means (26) to perform the protective operation of the compressor (1) in preference to operation control of the refrigerant circuit.

27. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 24, further comprising:

a switching component means for switching from the protective operation of the protection component means (29) to a steady operation, based on the information on the internal condition of the compressor (1) which has been predicted by the prediction component means (28).

28. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 24, wherein the protection component means (29) makes a failure diagnosis on the compressor 1.

29. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 28, further comprising:

a memory component means (24) for memorizing the result of the diagnosis made by the protection component means (29).

30. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 24, wherein the protection component means (29) is so formed as to forecast a failure in the compressor (1).

31. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 30, further comprising:

a communication component means (31) for outputting information on the forecast made by the protection component means (29).

32. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 24, wherein the protection component means (29) is so formed as to alter the control content or control parameter of the refrigerant circuit.

33. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein a refrigerant system model for the refrigerant circuit is provided beforehand, and the operating condition of the refrigerant circuit is predicted based on information on the internal condition of the compressor (4) predicted by the prediction component means (28).

34. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 7, wherein the motor (6) is a brushless DC motor, and
wherein the prediction component means (28) predicts a motor temperature from the current and voltage of the motor (6) and instrument constants.

35. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 7, wherein the motor (6) is a brushless DC motor,
wherein the identification means (20) identifies a parameter based on a motor model constituted by the current and voltage of the motor (6), resistance and inductance, and
wherein the derivation component means (21) derives motor temperature based on the parameter identified by the identification component means (20).

36. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 35, wherein the identification component means (20) obtains a motor voltage equation in such a way that a d-axis is plotted in the direction of the N pole of magnets (1b) of the motor (6), a q-axis is plotted in the direction which is shifted forward from the d-axis by $\pi/2$, and a motor

basic voltage equation for a three-phase PMSM is converted into a d, q axis coordinate system which rotates at an electric angular speed ω , and the identification component means (20) then identifies a magnetic flux characteristic value associated with an armature flux linkage generated by the magnets (1b), using said motor voltage equation, and

~~wherein~~ the derivation component means (21) derives the temperature of the magnets (1b) as motor temperature based on the magnetic flux characteristic value identified by the identification component means (20).

37. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 36, wherein the identification component means (20) obtains a voltage equation for a steady state from the motor voltage equation, and at the time of the identification, the d-axis component of the armature current of said steady-state voltage equation is set to zero.

38. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 35, wherein the refrigerant circuit has a refrigerant detecting component means (24) for detecting the temperature of a discharge pipe of the compressor (1), and

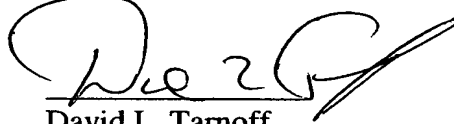
~~wherein~~ a calibration component means (36) is being configured such that the motor temperature derived by the derivation component means (21) being regarded as the internal temperature of the compressor 1, the internal temperature derived by the derivation component means (21) is calibrated based on the discharge pipe temperature detected by the temperature detecting component means (24).

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Entrance of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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